THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO)*: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The resignation letters talk of unbridgeable differences with the officials of the Ministry and disagreement with Government's intention to manage the Scheme of Metro Channel.

(c) to (e) The matter is being examined.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के माध्यम से संगीत की नवीन प्रस्तुतियों के लिए उपाय करना

204. श्री अजीत आंधी :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के माध्यम से संगीत रचना में शोध करने और संगीत में नई प्रस्तुतियों की संभावनाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए कदम उठाये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री) के. पी. सिंह देव) (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन में संगीत प्रस्तुति का नवीकरण एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है, जिसके कुछेक उदाहरण--वाद्य-वृन्दकरण में है जिसमें भारतीय गीतों में पश्चिमी स्वर-संगीत के संश्लेषण तथा जुगलबंदी, वाद्य-यंत्रीय समाप्ति, प्राकृतिक वातावरण में गीत गाना, गीतों आदि की कल्पना जैसे नवीन फारमेट के अपनाने का सफलतापूर्वक प्रयास किया जाता है।

Selection of Doordarshan Serials by draw of lots

205. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SMT. KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to stale :

(a) whether it is a fact that selection of Doordarshan serials was recently made by draw of lots;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of serials were excluded from the draw;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for adopting the method and justification for excluding the serials from the draw;

(d) whether Government consent to the view that with the selection of serials by draw of lots, important serials of well known film-makers pending for long are left out and unimportant serials of lesser known producers got selected; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the mode of selection of Doordarshan serials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Prioritisation of serials from amongst the A+ graded shortlisted proposals under the New Sponsorship Scheme of October, 1990, except those identified for enquiry by the CBI, was done through random number generation using a computer since the total number of proposals in this grade was more than the number needed to meet Doordarshan's requirement for the next two years.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Coverage of opinion of Political Parties by AIR/TV

206. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the duration of time during each year that was allotted/given to each

recognised national/regional political party on the AIR/TV main English News Bulletin since the present Government took over;

(b) the details thereof year-wise/party-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give adequate coverage for the expression of opinion of opposition on AIR/TV news bulletins ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) This information *is* not kept in a centrally compiled form.

(c) The statements/speeches of various political parties are covered in the news bulletins strictly on the basis of their news value and news worthiness.

Implementation of the Prasar Bharati Act

207. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

fa) whether Government propose to hold consultations with all the concerned sections before implementing the Prasar Bharati Act;

(b) if so, by when such consultations are likely to take place and on which provisions of the Act; and

(c) by when the Prasar Bharati is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Consultations on the proposed amendments to Sections 11, 23 and 25 of the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 are likely to commence from May, 1993. No date can, however, be fixed for the issue of the notification for implementing the said Act.

T. V. Channels on Doordarshan

208. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch two more TV Channels on Doordarshan besides the one launched on April 1, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the time Schedule therefor; and

(c) what is the manner in which and the extent to which the viewership on these new channels would be managed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The spare time available on the transponders of INSAT-1D and INSAT-2A, being used for the purpose of television in India is proposed to be used to maximise output in a phased manner to incorporate :—

(i) an Entertainment and Cultural Channel.

(ii) a Soprts Channel.

(iii) a Business News and Current .Affairs Channel.

(c) The satellite channels would be available for reception all over the country through appropriate dish antenna.

विद्युत उत्पादन परियोजनाओं की स्थापना के लिए सरकार के समक्ष पेश किये गये प्रस्ताव

209. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विद्युत उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र को अन्तर्ग्रस्त करने के बारे में सरकार द्वारा निर्णय लिये जाने के बाद विद्युत उत्पादन परियोजनाओं की स्थापना के लिए सरकार